

Dec 26, 1776

Battle of Trenton, N. J.

July 4, 1776

Declaration of Independence
adapted

Dec 25, 1776

Gen. George Washington and his
troops crossed the Delaware River
for a surprise attack against
Hessian forces at Trenton, N. J.

Jan 10, 1776

Thomas Paine published his
influential pamphlet "Common Sense."

July 4, 1776

Declaration of Independence
approved by the Continental Congress

1 JUN 1776
BRITISH NAVY
ATTACKED
HARBOR AT
CHARLESTOWN
SO. CAROLINA

Mar 17, 1776

British forces evacuated Boston
during the Revolutionary War

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In Oct. 1949 Pres. Harry Truman wrote 'Too few Americans realize the vast debt we owe (George Mason). His immortal Declaration of Rights in 1776 is one of the finest and loftiest creations ever struck from the mind of man... Our matchless Bill of Rights came directly from the amazing wisdom and

far-seeing vision of this patriot
(George Mason) That is why I say
that George Mason will forever
hold a special place in our hearts."

1776-80

Hessians

German soldiers from Hesse (state
in W. Germany) hired by British
to fight in American Revolution

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Trenton, N.J.

Americans led by Gen. Washington
crossed Delaware River, surprised
and captured Hessian Garrison
in famous early morning
raid at Trenton, N.J.

27
June 1776

HICKEY PLOT

Unsuccessful conspiracy by
Thomas Hickey (? June 27, 1776)
to assassinate or hand over
Gen. George Washington to the
British June 1776

6/27 Hickey was hanged near Bowery Lane,
N.Y. ; first American soldier
executed by military
court order. 6/27/1776